



# The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

Integrating the Catholic Communities of West Footscray, Maidstone & Braybrook in the Archdiocese of Melbourne

In today's Gospel, Christ calls blessed those who believe without seeing. Jesus had shown himself to the apostles—he is alive and reigns in glory. The response of Thomas is for every believer. We confess Jesus as our Lord and God though we have not seen him with our own eyes. Seeing him with the eyes of faith, we give testimony to this faith by our living hope and active service to our brothers and sisters. Today also is Divine Mercy Sunday. This celebration is a perennial call to every Christian to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come.

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

Alleluia: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Prayer: Divine Mercy, listen to our prayer.

## THE SCARS OF THE RISEN JESUS

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

Have you ever wondered why the resurrected body of Jesus still bears the nail marks on his hands and feet as well as the scar on his pierced side? If he could overcome death, why could he not erase those ugly scars?

The wounds and the scars are an emblem as it were of our life here on earth, a "trademark" of this imperfect, vulnerable, pain-infested world. We dream of and work hard for that well-chiseled body, pearly white teeth, long and smooth and soft hair, perfect nose, twinkling eyes, kissable lips, picture-perfect face. But the perfect body, the perfect face, and an apparently perfect life sooner or later succumb to the law of imperfect nature and fade away inexorably, forcing us to concede that earthly life is far from being perfect.

During the time between Jesus' resurrection and his ascension, the disciples in a way lose their freedom of choice to believe or not to believe that it is Jesus truly alive again. No other living person bears the scars of crucifixion, the crowning with thorns, and the stab of a spear. But Jesus, with the scars and those marks of human cruelty, has triumphed over all the negativities of human existence, and yes, even over death!

The scars are a reminder of the frailty of our earthly life. While on earth we can be wounded in body or in spirit. But the scars, even as they never completely go away, do not hurt anymore. The scars of the risen Jesus are no different. From the point of view of Easter, the pains and sufferings of life – poverty, hunger, sickness, heartaches, loss of loved ones, broken families, murder of unborn children, violence against women, addiction, pornography, greed, lust, political and ecclesiastical scandals – all of these, like Jesus' scars, will become memories. Everything in this world, good or bad, is just temporary. Easter promises that everything will be better in the future. In fact, everything will be perfect for good, and forever. That forever starts now, with the Easter of the Lord's resurrection.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Special Intentions & Thanksgiving**  
Dallimore Family and Lawley Family.

**Eternal Repose**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pedro Antonio Astorga, Daminh Nguyen Duc Duy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Nguyen Thi Sen, Frank Heasly, Sarah Thompson, Francis Plumridge, Stephen Miller, Sister Anne Rivi, Felix Brincat.

**Comfort & Healing**

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony Rabusin, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Pat Roddis, Billy Frankland, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Carmen Micallef, George Tawaf, Denver D'Cruz.



## Mass Schedule

**SUNDAY**

St. John's 8:00 am  
Christ the King 9:30 am  
Our Lady's 10:00 am  
Vietnamese Mass 3:00 pm<sup>1</sup>  
Filipino Mass 3:00 pm<sup>2</sup>  
Christ the King 5:00 pm  
Our Lady's 6:30 pm

**MONDAY**

Christ the King 8:00 am  
Our Lady's 8:00 am

**TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

Christ the King 8:00 am  
Our Lady's 9:00 am

**WEDNESDAY**

Christ the King 8:00 am  
Our Lady's 9:00 am  
7:00 pm<sup>3</sup>

**THURSDAY**

Christ the King 9.15 am  
Our Lady's 8:00 am

**SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)**

Our Lady's 5:00 pm  
Christ the King 6:30 pm

**CONFESSIONS**

Every Saturday after the morning Masses and 30 mins. before the evening Masses.

**BAPTISMS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

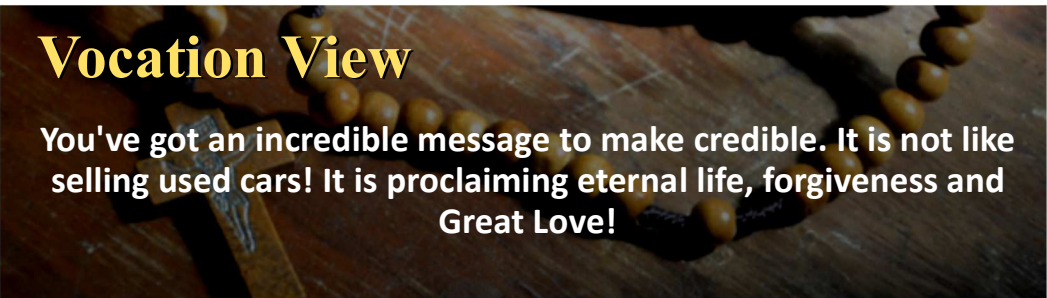
**MARRIAGE**

3 months-notice required.

<sup>1</sup> Sunday Masses in Vietnamese are held at Our Lady's Church every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at Christ the King Church every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

<sup>2</sup> Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

<sup>3</sup> The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



## Vocation View

You've got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars! It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love!



EDGE is way more than effective catechesis. It's Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life's most challenging years.

Edge Nights takes place Friday evenings. Kids between 10-13 years old are invited and encouraged to attend. Interested in helping out?

Contact: Christine at [olckedge@gmail.com](mailto:olckedge@gmail.com)  
Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm

**Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion**

Preparation of children who do not attend a Catholic School and are interested to prepare for their First Holy Communion will commence on the 30th of May 2019 at 5.00pm at the Parish Office. Children attending the classes must be accompanied by an adult.



## 4-5 May 2019

### MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Leanne Ma	Lynette Heasly	Agnes Attard	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Catherine Seymour	Theresa Seymour	Alicia Alcantare & Lucy Inocencio	CTK Church Choir
SUN	8:00am	SJ	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	-
	9:30am	CTK	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	CTK Church Choir
	10:30am	OL				OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kimberly Lam	Brendon Sarabia	Dudley Rodrigues	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Frank Unger	Lesley Pace	Antonio Sobredo & Rose Sobredo	Mary's Choir

**Next Week's Readings**

Acts 5:27-32,40-41  
Apocalypse 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

# Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy) is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, the Octave Day of Easter. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Church.

The feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina, receives from Jesus Himself the biggest promises of grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. In specific, Jesus said that a person who goes to sacramental confession (the confession may take place some days before) and receives holy communion on that day, shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. That means each person would go immediately after death to heaven without suffering in purgatory (or hell). Additionally, the Roman Catholic Church grants a plenary indulgence (observing the usual rules) with the recitation of some simple prayers

The devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II. On April 30, 2000, the Canonization of Faustyna Kowalska took place and the Sunday after Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy in the General Roman Calendar. On April 22, 2001, which was one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message in the resurrection context of Easter:

Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.

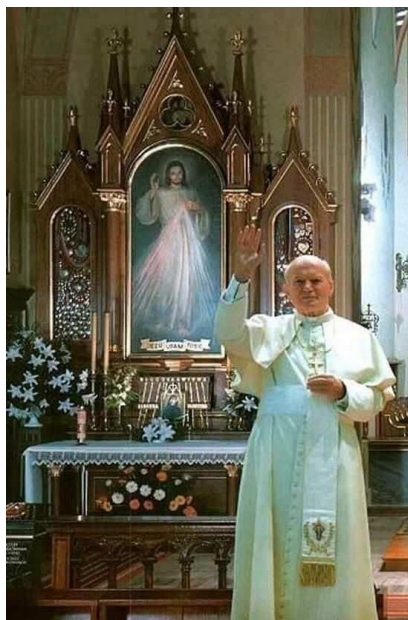
The devotion to Divine Mercy Sunday grew rapidly after its designation by Pope John Paul II and is now widely celebrated by Catholics. The Divine Mercy image is often carried in processions on Divine Mercy Sunday, and is placed in a location in the church so that it can be venerated by those who attended the Mass.

The liturgical celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday reflects the devotional elements of Divine Mercy – the first prayer of that Mass beginning with:

Heavenly Father and God of Mercy, We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life.

This opening prayer refers to Divine Mercy as the key element in the plan of God for salvation and emphasizes the belief that it was through mercy that God gave his only son for the redemption of mankind, after the fall of Adam.

John Paul II, who died in April 2005 on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, was himself beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, 2011, by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, and was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014, by Pope Francis.



*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"*

*- John 20:21*

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

## stewardship

### St. John's Church

Presbytery \$200.05  
Church \$224.05

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$2,179.60  
Church \$2,552.70

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$1,390.25  
Church \$1,792.40

The first collection (Presbytery) supports the Parish Priest, his Assistant, the sick and retired Priests and the Archbishop

The second collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes) supports the Parish and the expenses of the Archdiocese.

## SCHOOLS

### St. John's Catholic School

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principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au

### Christ the King Primary School

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Tel: 9311 7387 : Fax: 9312 6755  
principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au

### Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION CHURCHES

### Christ the King Church

67 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook VIC 3019

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone VIC 3012

### St. John the Evangelist Church

34 Essex Street, Footscray VIC 3012

*Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ  
Parish Priest*

*Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ  
Assistant Priest*

*Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ  
Hospital Pastoral Associate*

*Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen  
Secretaries*

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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

## CTK bus for the Holy Family Feast Day

On 5 May, Sunday, the CTK bus will fetch the usual passengers one hour later than usual (9.45 AM onwards) to transport them to Our Lady's for the 10.30am Feast Day Mass. Helen will be the bus driver. [0466954747]

Xe Búyt thường đón quý bác Cao Niên tại CTK vào các ngày Chúa Nhật, sẽ đón quý bác tuần Chủ Nhật 5-5-2019 trễ hơn một giờ (từ 9.45 sáng), để chở quý Bác đến dự lễ BỔ MẠNG của cả 2 giáo xứ (Lễ mừng kính Gia ĐÌNH THÁNH GIA, Chủ Nhật 5/5, lúc 10.30 sáng). Cô Helen sẽ là tài xế [0466954747].



This week's events

<b>MONDAY</b> 10.00 am	<b>29th April</b> Italian Prayer Group O/L
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>1st May</b> Novena/Mass O/L
<b>FRIDAY</b> 6.30 pm  6.30 pm	<b>3rd May</b> HFP Feast Day Dance Party O/L Hall Exposition and Adoration CTK
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>4th May</b> Filipino Chaplaincy O/L
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30 am 3.00 pm	<b>5th May</b> Parish Feast Day O/L No Vietnamese Mass

2019

Holy Family Parish  
**FEAST DAY  
DANCE PARTY**

Friday, 3 May 2019  
6:30 PM - 11:00 PM  
Our Lady's Large Hall  
17 Lyons Street  
Maidstone

Basket Dinner (BYO Food & Drinks)

\$25.00  
No. 001

## Support our Parish Feast Day Dance Party

Tickets are available at the Parish Office and after the Sunday Masses.

## CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRAYBROOK PREP ENROLMENTS for 2020 NOW OPEN

Applications for places in Prep 2020 are now open. Application forms can be obtained from the school office or website.

On application you must supply:

### Birth Certificate

(child must be 5 on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

### Immunisation History Statement

(available from DHS website)

### Baptism Certificate (if Catholic)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

## REMINDER!!

Morning Masses at Christ the King and St. John's will be suspended next week in lieu of our Parish Feast Day Mass at 10:30 AM in Maidstone.

Please see posters for details.

## Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

5-11 May  
Thi Cuc Vu

12-18 May  
K. Nguyen

19-25 May  
Legion of Mary



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